

your life that it may produce its rich beautiful fruit there.

San Diego, Calif.

Doing Our Best

It is an inspiring thought that the humblest follower of the Master may be just as faithful to him as the most prominent preacher of the Gospel. Doing our best wherever the Lord has placed us is the one standard of conduct for the Christian, no matter if he has been called to preach, or clerk, or break stones. This truth should be a wonderful source of encouragement to us. Especially those of us whom he has called to serve him in the obscure spheres of life, should rejoice when we remember that even here we may, by doing our best, render acceptable service to him.

It is foolish for any one to say that because of his position in life, he has not the opportunity to do anything for him. Paul's injunction to do all things to the glory of God certainly means that we can, and ought to, glorify him in our daily occupations. Is it absurd then to think that if we do our best, even while we drive nails or saw wood, we are serving him just as faithfully as the minister who preaches to us?

Our Lord has promised to be with us all the while. It is only when we realize that he is with us in our every day life, that we are able to do our best in whatever our hands may find to do. When God gave Jesus Christ to a lost world, he gave the best he had. Should we then, as honest men, be satisfied unless we are giving our best, in whatever we may have to give, to glorify him?—New York Observer.

Spiritual Growth Perpetual

The essence of the life of the soul is dynamic; man's spirit is a fountain of energy. There is abundant testimony to this even during the earthly years. Man conquers nature, amasses stores of learning, masters abstract truth, solves baffling problems, and asserts in all spheres the supremacy of mind over matter.

This great and wonderful power does not stop when existence on earth is ended. If one continues to feed and exercise his mind, his mental powers will not only be retained but grow to the last. Certainly the soul will grow. The aged Christian's faith is clearer than ever before, his love glows with a more ardent flame, his obedience is more spontaneous and complete. We have said of more than one such who has come within the range of our personal knowledge, "He is ripe for the heavenly garner." Did we mean that his faith had gone as far as it could and must now cease? Did we mean that love to God had filled up its measure? Did we mean that there could be no further absorption of the human will in the divine? Certainly not.

Now who shall say where the utmost limit of these spiritual powers is set? Spiritual dynamics involve growth. The climax is not

reached here on earth. Indeed, is it ever reached? This power of spiritual life means the power to make progress thru eternal ages. Our immortality is not a mere continuance in mediocrity, mental or spiritual. It is rather a continual progress which rejoices in what has already been attained, but is forever enlarging its capacity and its achievement. The spiritual powers, set in the right direction here on earth, beyond this life will expand in a measure and in a glory which now we only faintly apprehend.—Ex.

Missions

Chicago Mission

The old year went out, leaving us still progressing, and more hopeful of results from the good seed sown. The last Sunday in the year 1901 our Sunday school took a silver collection which amounted to \$7 40. Our Christmas exercise was all the most zealous could have desired. We are having some lessons from the Acts of the Apostles in our regular services which are indeed infusing new life into those of us who are willing to make the sacrifice that is well pleasing to God.

SETTLEMENT FOR OUR CHURCH

A complete report of the matter of making settlement for our church property will be made thru our secretary very soon. Brethren, some near, and some afar off, came to our aid temporarily, for which we feel very grateful. These loans are temporary and are made by those who have already made substantial contributions toward paying for the property. Brother Rowland of Lanark, Illinois, kindly came into the city and rendered us valuable assistance on the day the property was transferred, advancing a liberal sum to enable us to carry out the contract of your Missionary Board. These temporary loans must be paid back speedily. We have not placed our permanent loan at this writing, but are holding off with the prospect of getting a lower rate on money than was offered here. Six per cent was asked here, but we are trying to do better and think we will succeed, having a five per cent loan in prospect. We have here a property worth any day \$10,000. A good authority on such matters, and one who negotiated a six per cent loan, which is now pending, says the property is well worth that sum. And were it residence property or store property there would be no difficulty in obtaining a loan of six or seven thousand dollars. But loan agents are reluctant to place money on church property. We have money offered us at six per cent but we want it at five per cent.

We feel that we must publicly tender the thanks of the Missionary Board to the following brethren who sent us temporary loans to enable us to close up the deal. To wit: Samuel Lichty, Falls City, Neb.; Jacob Cassel, Philadelphia, Pa.; C. Rowland,

Lanark, Ill.; S. B. Bickley, J. M. Saylor, and Josiah Lichty, of Waterloo, Ia.; Dr. Worst, of Ashland, O. A complete report will be made next week.

Brother Cassel, our secretary, has the sympathy of all our little band here in his recent great loss and bereavement in the death of Sister Cassel.

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Indiana Mission Items

Since our quarterly report I have received the following sums: Nappanee, \$33.50; Gravelton, \$5; New Paris, \$2 82; Auburn, \$5; Zanesville, \$1.75; Lapaz, \$6. Total, \$54.07. Only about half of our churches have sent in their offerings. Can I not urge every pastor to see to the matter? If you have no pastor will you not as superintendent of Sunday-school see to the matter? I greatly desire to hear from every church in the State this month. Several churches have sent over half of their quota but we only ask for half at this time or whatever your offering may be.

WM. H. MILLER, Sec.

Milford, Ind.

Among the Churches

South Haven, Kans.

We are still alive at this place except the Sunday School which has never reached that stage of "evergreen." I think there is a combination of reasons a part of which are inevitable but we can not really expect victory in the Lord's work or any other work unless we *work* for it and *look* for it. If we look for failure and talk about failure, failure it will be. Preaching every two weeks is reasonably well attended considering the thinly settled neighborhood. Bro. H. S. Enslow was with us two evenings and gave us two splendid sermons. The EVANGELIST is a welcome visitor to nearly every home of the brethren here.

Clarksville. This is a new field taken up in connection with the South Haven work. At this place we have a good union Sunday School and it is "evergreen." It is one year old and there has been session every Sunday since its organization.

A Christmas entertainment and tree was given by the day school and the Sunday school. The program was well rendered and the tree was well loaded with presents. The pastor was surprised by the presentation of a \$21 suit of clothes and his wife received a lovely rocking chair. The donors were parties both in and out of the church. Many thanks and may the Lord bless all. We have no members at this point yet but hope to have in the future. Pray for the Lord's work here.

ANNA WOOD.

LaPaz, Ind.

Our revival service commenced on December 21, and closed with a large audience and deep interest on January 7. Immediate result, five by confession, two by relation and two reclaimed.

The true result of these services, however, will never be known in this world. We have quite a number of young people and they were certainly encouraged and strengthened. Most of them made new resolutions, resolved to be more faithful and to live closer to God. Many strong men were under conviction and while they could not be induced to yield to the mighty power of God, some of them at least told me that they would endeavor to live a better life at home.

Brother Summers preached some wonderful sermons and they could not help but reach the hearts of the people that heard them. Grandma Wilt-